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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

Tatsuya KUBOTA, Norio WAKATSUKI

## entitled:

DATA MULTIPLEXING DEVICE, PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, PROGRAM TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, PAY BROADCAST SYSTEM, PROGRAM TRANSMISSION METHOD, CONDITIONAL ACCESS SYSTEM, AND DATA RECEPTION DEVICE

X Continuing Application

\_\_\_\_ Continuation <u>X</u> Divisional <u>\_\_\_\_ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application serial no. <u>09/370,776</u>, filed <u>August 9, 1999</u>, which is a continuation of application No. PCT/JP98/03127, filed 13 July 1998.</u>

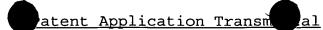
[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate predecessor.]

 $\underline{X}$  The prior application is assigned of record to  $\underline{\hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{SONY} \hspace{0.1cm} \mathtt{CORPORATION}}$  .

The following are enclosed:

- X Specification ( 68 pages)
- X 24 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- X 108 Claim(s) (including 6 independent claim(s))
- \_\_\_\_ This application contains a multiple dependent claim
- X Our check for <u>\$ 2508.00</u>, calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application (less any claims canceled herein) as amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

This application is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor in the prior application. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.



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\_X Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney
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\_X Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))

## Deletion of Inventors

Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

## Power of Attorney or Correspondence Address Change

- Y Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney is to <u>William S. Frommer, Reg. No. 25,506</u>. The new correspondence address is indicated above.
- X Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

  (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered riginal claim in the prior application.)
  - X Cancel in this application original claims <u>1-11 and 120-122</u> of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
  - X New formal drawings are enclosed.
- X Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no. 09/370,776, filed August 9, 1999. A list of said foreign priority application(s) is provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

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Please charge any additional fees required for the filing of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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